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SUBJECT: MOOSE'S MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR JOLAOSO

1. AMBASSADOR JOLAOSO CALLED AT HIS REQUEST ON ASSISTANT
SECRETARY MOOSE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 18. ALSO ATTENDING
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THE MEETING WERE NIGERIAN MINISTER-COUNSELOR NNOCHIRI
AND HELEN WEINLAND, AF/W. SUBJECTS RAISED WERE RAY
BAKER CASE (REPORTED SEPTTEL), DEVELOPMENTS IN NAMIBIA
AND RHODESIA, AND THE MANPOWER TRAINING PROJECT (SEPTTEL).

2. MOOSE INDICATED HE WISHED TO BRING JOLAOSO UP TO DATE
ON DEVELOPMENTS IN NAMIBIA. HE STATED THAT THINGS WERE

GOING REASONABLY WELL, IN SPITE OF A FEW MINOR INCIDENTS WHICH ILLUSTRATE SOUTH AFRICAN TOUCHINESS. HE SAID THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS ARE CONCERNED THAT SWAPO IS STEPPING UP ITS MILITARY ACTIVITY, AND THAT OUR REPORTS INDICATE THAT SWAPO IS FAIRLY ACTIVE MILITARILY. WE ARE TRYING TO URGE CAUTION ON BOTH SIDES. MOOSE ASKED THAT THE NIGERIANS URGE RESTRAINT ON SWAPO.

3. TURNING TO RHODESIA, ABOUT WHICH JOLAOSO HAD REQUESTED A BRIEFING, MOOSE SAID THAT ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT SALISBURY GROUP IS ABOUT TO AGREE TO AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE, THAT THEY RECOGNIZE THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT

IS NOT WORKING, AND THAT THE CHANCE OF HOLDING ELECTIONS WHICH WILL BE CREDITABLE IS REMOTE. THE NIGERIANS SAID THE MORNING BBC BROADCAST HAD REPORTED THAT THE SALISBURY GROUP HAD AGREED TO ATTEND THE ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE. MOOSE REJOINED THAT, ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT HEARD THIS, HE WAS NOT SURPRISED, AND THAT EVERYONE MUST WORK TO MAKE SUCH A CONFERENCE YIELD MEANINGFUL RESULTS. (FYI: REPORT OF EC AGREEMENT PROVED INACCURATE.)

4. MOOSE INDICATED THAT THE KHARTOUM SUMMIT AS WELL AS EFFORTS HERE IN WASHINGTON HAD CREATED CLIMATE TO DEFEAT CONGRESSIONAL MOVES FOR RECOGNITION OF SALISBURY GROUP, BUT THAT THIS CONGRESSIONAL VOTE HAD SHOWN THAT IT CONFIDENTIAL

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IS NOT EASY TO MAINTAIN OUR POLICY. IT IS, HOWEVER, A POLICY TO WHICH THE PRESIDENT IS COMMITTED. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE FRONTLINE AND NIGERIA FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR A SOLUTION AND THEIR RECOGNITION THAT WE ARE WORKING IN GOOD FAITH.

5. JOLAOSO QUESTIONED WHETHER IT WAS LIKELY, AS THE SITUATION DRAGS ON, THAT THERE WOULD BE ELECTIONS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR IN RHODESIA AND WHETHER THE SALISBURY GROUP WOULD FORCE THEM THROUGH. MOOSE ANSWERED THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO HAVE ELECTIONS WHICH WOULD BE RECOGNIZED BY THE REST OF THE WORLD.

6. MOOSE ENDED MEETING BY MENTIONING HIS VISIT TO CONAKRY AND GIVING HIS IMPRESSIONS OF TOURE AS A CONSIDERABLE STATESMAN. HE SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED THAT TOURE APPEARED TO BE RESOLVING HIS DIFFICULTIES WITH HIS NEIGHBORS, AND IN THIS REGARD EXPRESSED HIS INTEREST IN THE NEWS THAT OBASANJO INTENDED TO VISIT CONAKRY. CHRISTOPHER

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